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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 11, 2004. Attached is a request for a three month extension of time to extend the deadline for response to December 11, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.